ly, and how many of them were selected?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) For selecting of pilots in Air India, candidates after passing a written test, are required to appear for interview with an interview panel. Based on the marks obtained in the written test and interview, a merit list is prepared. SC/ST candidates are allowed relexation of marks in the written test.

(c) One SC lady pilot appeared for interview recently. However, the selection process is not yet complete.

Daily air service between Bombay and Bhuj

979. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present Bombay-Bhuj flight goes three days in a week;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said flight had been operating since 1947 and in the past it was a daily service;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which it has been cut off;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there are sufficient passengers to patronise this air route; and

(e) if so, whether Government would consider to reinduct daily service on this route?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. At present Indian Airlines operates a four times weekly B-737 service on Bombay-Jamnagar - Bhuj - Bombay route.

(b) According to available records Indian Airlines was operating a daily service between Bombay and Bhuj between 1983 and 19 Nov., 1989.

(c) Due to acute shortage of B-737 aircraft, the Bombay-Jamnagar-Bhuj-Bombay daily B-737 service was reduced to thrice weekly effective November 20, 1989 but was subsequently increased to four times weekly effective December 16, 1990.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Capacity constraints do not permit reintroduction of a daily service for the present.

Operational schemes of REC

980. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of operational schemes sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation as on the 31st March, 1991;

(b) what is the number of Schemes monitored by REC during the last years;

(c) what is the number of monitoring reports:—

(i) for which monitoring observations were communicated to State Electricity Boards;

(ii) on which State Electricity Boards have complied with all or most of the recommendations of the monitoring reports/observations; and

(iii) on which State Electricity Boards have reported compliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As on 31st March, 1991, 9424 schemes

sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation are considered as operational.

(b) and (c) A scheme is monitored at various stages and over the last five years over 14900 monitorings have been conducted in various States. Monitoring of schemes, issue of monitoring reports and subsequent follow up action thereon with SEBs is a continuous process. The execution of works being the responsibility of SEBs/State Governments, the extent of reporting of compliance varies from State to State. Apart from correspondence, action on monitoring observations is watched through subsequent visits to the field areas, periodical review meetings etc. Funding process takes into account the compliance or otherwise of the monitoring observations.

Inventory Loan to State Electricity Boards by REC

981. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:

Will the Miniser of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise amount of inventory loan sanctioned by the Rural Electricficaton Corporation to State Electricity Boards during last five years and amount outstanding at present against them; and;

(b) whether forty per cent of the sanctioned inventory loan is paid in advance agaist individual scheme and the remaining sixty per cent as well is also paid simultaneously before the scheme became actually actually operational and if so, the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Year-wise amounts of inventory loans sanctioned by Rural Electrilcation Corporation to the State Electricity Boards during the last five years is given below:—

Year	*(Rs.. in crores)*
1986-87	292.77
1987-88	385.65
1988-89	435.37
1989-90	463.97
1990-91	383.00

As on 31-3-1991, Rs. 40.09 crores of inventory loan was outstanding.

(b) Inventory loan is a short-term advance loan given to the State Electricity Boards for procurement of materials required for the programmes to be taken up during the year. The advance inventory loan is adjusted against the loan instalments becoming due against individual sanctioned scheme.

Special Project Agriculture Sanctioned by rural electrification Corporation

982. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Special Project Agriculture can be sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation only on certification that no other R. E. Scheme is either in operation or under consideration in the same area, either of R.E.C. or of any other financial institution;

(b) whether R.E.C. has sanctioned most of S.P.A. schemes in the same areas, where R.E.C. projects are already in opearotion in violation of the ahove stipulation;